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## PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER MPEP §708.02 VII

SIR:

Petition Applicant hereby petitions to make this new application,
which has not received any examination by the Examiner, special.

2. <u>Claims</u> All the claims in this case are believed to be directed to a single invention continuation-in-part application which claims priority from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/977,577, filed 10/15/01, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/829,757, filed 04/10/01, which is a continuation-in-part application which claims priority from

and incorporates by reference, U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 60/196,498, filed 04/12/00, now abandoned, all bearing the same title and all incorporated by reference. If the Patent and Trademark Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, Applicant will make an election without traverse as prerequisite to the grant of special status.

3. <u>Search</u> A patent ability search was conducted on or about February 16, 2000, in classes 482 and 434. The results of the search, and other information that may be material or of interest, are being made of record.

4. <u>Copy of References</u> A copy of each reference or other document uncovered in the Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

5. <u>Detailed Discussion of the References</u> A detailed discussion of the enclosed art is provided in the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement.

. 6. <u>Fee</u> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the above-identified patent application or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 50-0235.

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